

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a processor;

a memory; and

a group interaction application maintained in the memory and executed on the processor to present a graphical user interface ~~associated with the group interaction application~~ for facilitating a group interaction among a first user and one or more other users, the graphical user interface comprising:

a group identification area configured to display visual representations of a plurality of online social groups in which the first user is a member, wherein:

the first user's membership in the group is maintained when the a first user is offline; and

the visual representations of online social groups are automatically arranged by at least one of:

a geographic location associated with a member of one of the online social groups;

a date and time of a most recent communication between the first user and another member of one of the online social groups; and

a frequency of communication between the first user and another member of one of the online social groups,

wherein the visual representations of online social groups are filtered, at least in part, based on geographical location

information associated with one or more members of the online social groups; and

a group activities menu comprising ~~one or more~~ a plurality of selectable items representing social activities in which the first user, as a member of a selected group may participate, such that a plurality of group activities in which a member of the selected group who is logged on via a mobile device may participate is different than a plurality of group activities in which a member of the selected group who is logged on via a non-mobile device may participate,

wherein the social activities in which a mobile member of the selected group may participate comprise a group of activities that are available to group members who are mobile but that are not available to a group member who is logged on via a non-mobile device.

2. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein a selected group is represented by one of the visual representations, and wherein the graphical user interface further comprises a group details area configured to display a group name associated with the selected group.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the visual representations of online social groups are filtered, at least in part, based on frequency

of communication between the first user and one or more members of the online social groups.

5. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the visual representations of online social groups are filtered, at least in part, based on a date and time of a most recent communication between the first user and one or more members of the online social groups.

6. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises a personal representation area configured to display a configurable avatar associated with the first user.

7. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 6, wherein the avatar comprises a visual representation of the first user that is displayed to other online members of online social groups to which the user belongs.

8. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 6, wherein the avatar comprises a visual representation of the first user that is displayed to other online individuals with which the first user has a relationship.

9. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 6, wherein the personal representation area is further configured to display a username and presence information associated with the first user, wherein further the username and presence

information may be displayed to other online members of online social groups to which the user belongs.

10. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 6, wherein the personal representation area is further configured to display a username and presence information associated with the first user, wherein further the username and presence information may be displayed to other online individuals with which the first user has a relationship.

11. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 6, wherein the personal representation area is further configured to display a username associated with the first user.

12. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises a group details area configured to display data associated with a selected one of the plurality of online social groups.

13. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 12, wherein the data associated with the selected one of the plurality of online social groups comprises at least one of a group name associated with the selected group, presence information associated with the selected group, presence information associated with online members of the selected group, and a visual representation of an activity in which one or more online members of the selected group are participating.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the social activities represented by the selectable items of the group activities menu are selected from a group of social activities comprising calling, inviting, sending a wink, sending a bubble, sending a file, sharing an image, sharing audio, sending a calling card, and viewing group history.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the non-mobile device comprises a desktop computer system.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim [[18]] 1, wherein the non-mobile device comprises a desktop computer system.

20. (Previously Presented) The system as recited in claim 1 implemented as a mobile device.

21. (Currently Amended) The system as recited in claim 20, wherein the mobile device comprises at least one of a cellular telephone, a personal digital assistant, a car stereo system, a portable television, a portable DVD player, a portable stereo system, a wearable computing device, a watch, a bracelet, a necklace, a pendant, and a digital picture frame.

22-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable media storing computer-readable instructions which, when executed by a processor of a mobile device, cause the mobile device to perform a method, the method comprising:

presenting a graphical user interface that displays:

an avatar implemented as a visual representation of a user of the mobile device, wherein the avatar is displayed to other online members of peer-to-peer online social groups to which the user belongs; and

visual representations of a plurality of peer-to-peer online social groups to which the user belongs, wherein each of the peer-to-peer online social groups comprises two or more members,

wherein:

individual ones of the two or more members may be offline, and

therefore not available for social interaction via the group;

the visual representations of the plurality of groups are arranged

based on at least one of:

a relationship between geographic locations associated with the groups;

a date and time of a most recent group communication involving the particular user; and

a frequency of communication between a first member of the groups and other members of the groups; and

the visual representations of the plurality of groups are filtered based on ~~at least one of:~~

~~a frequency of communication between a first member of the groups and other members of the groups;~~

~~a date and time of a most recent group communication involving the particular user; and~~

a relationship between geographic locations associated with the groups;

automatically establishing a connection between the computer system being used by the particular user and a computer system being used by another member of at least one group of the plurality of groups;

in response to receiving a user selection of a particular one of the visual representations of the online social groups, displaying a collection of ~~one or more~~ a plurality of selectable items, each representing a social activity in which the user may participate as part of the online social group represented by the particular one of the visual representations of the online social groups, wherein the collection of one or more selectable items, each representing a social activity is different than a collection of

social activities available to another member of the same online social group who is using a non-mobile device,

wherein the social activities in which a mobile member of the selected group may participate comprise a group of activities that are available to group members who are mobile but that are not available to a group member who is logged on via a non-mobile device.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Previously Presented) The one or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 32 wherein the computer system comprises a mobile device.

35. (Canceled)

36. (Original) The one or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 32, further comprising computer-readable instructions which, when executed, cause the mobile device to further:

receive a user selection of a graphical element and an audio element; and

transmit the graphical and audio elements to a group member such that in an event that the group member is online, the graphical and audio elements are automatically presented to the group member.

37. (Currently Amended) A mobile device, comprising:

a device-specific processor;

a communication interface configured to establish a connection between the mobile device and another device; and

a user interface, executed by the device-specific processor, configured to enable a user of the mobile device to participate in an online group interaction with one or more other members of a group, wherein membership in the group is maintained when a user is offline,

wherein the online group interaction provides a group identification area configured to display visual representations of a plurality of online social groups, the visual representations being filtered, at least in part, based on geographical location information associated with one or more members of the online social groups, and

wherein participation in the online group interaction comprises a plurality of social activities in which the user of the mobile device may participate comprise a group of activities that are available to group members who are mobile but that are not available to a group member who is logged on via a non-mobile device.

38. (Original) The mobile device as recited in claim 37, implemented as a cellular telephone.

39. (Original) The mobile device as recited in claim 37, wherein the online group interaction is selected from a group of online group interactions comprising a group instant messaging activity, a group image sharing activity, a group

video sharing activity, a group audio sharing activity, transmission of an electronic wink to one or more members of the group, and transmission of an electronic message bubble to one or more members of the group.